

Commission on Aging

Meeting Minutes

Lebanon, Connecticut

May 11, 2015

Present: Jane Cady, James Donnelly, Donna LaFontaine, Bonnie LeBlanc Geri McCaw. Marion Russo.

Absent: Ellen Bauwens, Russ Blakeslee, Darlene Hathaway

Also attending: Darcy Battye as Senior Center coordinator and Municipal Agent

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman Geri McCaw

The minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Darcy Battye reported a significant balance remains from the 2014/2015 budgeted amount and listed several items to be purchased and work to be done at the Senior Center which will use most of the remaining amount before the end of this fiscal year.

Reports:

1. Coordinator and Municipal Agent. Darcy reported that she will now buy the supplies as part of her Municipal Agent responsibility to nourish the elderly. She also will use monies collected from programs at the Senior Center toward those purchases. She reported that attendance at the Senior Center is down. It was thought that perhaps the population is aging, younger seniors are not yet active and also recent winter weather could have affected attendance. Fifty people attended an Alzheimer's and Dementia talk on Friday, May 8, sponsored by Windham Hospital. Noted that most attending were not Lebanon residents. Also reported progress servicing the needs of a resident needing special assistance.
2. Bingo: Jane Cady reported today's bingo had 44 players and 23 on Friday night.
3. Trips: Marion reported the June Hudson River and August Newport Trips selling well. The September Canadian Rockies trip is sold out. Plans are being made for an Oktoberfest trip to New York State, scheduled for October 7, 2015. No trip planned as yet for November and sales have been brisk for the New Year's Eve trip to Pennsylvania
4. Whist: Jane and Bob Cady and Marion Russo planning to hold Whist on Friday, May 29. The suggestion was made to have people sign up once they have their own team, which will require less phoning for the people running the whist. Jane will develop a sign-up sheet for teams as well as for individuals.
5. Friends: Marion and Bonnie reported that the tag sale held on May 2 was very successful.
6. Luncheon. Tuesday's lunch will be pasta with sauce. Although lunch attendance has been slightly lower, it was not felt that the slight increase in price has affected attendance.

Old Business:

1. Lebanon Resource Guide: Darcy reported having seen a Senior Services guide that she feels can be adapted for use in Lebanon. Will continue to explore.
2. Tip Projects: Continued concern for the need for lighting between the senior housing and the senior center. The pathway to be lit is not part of the senior center property; therefore a request will be made to the owners of the housing property to install some sort of lighting. Meanwhile Darcy will purchase and install some low solar lights along the pathway.
3. Swipe Card/New Locks: Darcy will have the locks changed
4. Conserve Update: Has not been approved by the Board of Selectmen
5. Garage Update: Nothing new to report, funds have been set aside in the budget
6. Mind Matters Update: No news on the grant that was applied for
7. Volunteer Receptionist's meeting: To be scheduled
8. Sunshine Committee: Darlene will continue to handle. Friends provided funds for cards and postage.
9. Oktoberfest Cabaret: Band and food arranged. To be held on October 16.
10. Budget 2014/2015: Proposed budget approved by Finance Board, awaiting outcome of referendum

New Business:

1. Jim Donnelly moved that Jane Cady, Ellen Bauwens and Russ Blakeslee be named to the nominating committee. Seconded by Marion Russo and approved. If Ellen or Russ cannot serve, Darlene or Bonnie will be named in their place.
2. The volunteer breakfast is scheduled for Friday, June 5.
3. The Elementary School music department will entertain after lunch on Tuesday, May 26.
4. Derrick Waldron will entertain for the Tea on Wednesday, May 27.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Donnelly. Seconded by Marion Russo. Approved unanimously at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Cady, Secretary